



HOLIDAY CONCERT
Saturday, December 7, 2013
Pantages Playhouse Theatre

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

11:00-12:00.....Stage Rehearsal Youth Concert Orchestra
 12:15- 12:45.....Stage Rehearsal Youth Strings
 1:00-1:30 Stage..... Rehearsal Youth Symphony Orchestra

REARRANGE SEATING FOR YOUTH STRINGS

2:00 Doors open to public
2:30 Concert begins

CONCERT SCHEDULE

2:30 - 2:35..... Welcoming Remarks
 2:35 - 3:05 Youth Strings perform
 3:15 - 3:45 Youth Concert Orchestra performs
 3:55 - 4:25 Youth Symphony Orchestra performs
 4:25 - 4:30 Closing Remarks



CONCERT TICKET PRICES

As many of you are aware during the course of the WYO season we hold two annual concerts. The first is our Holiday Concert which is held at Pantages in December and the second is our Sounds of Spring Concert at Centennial Concert Hall in April. Due to the size of the program these are the only two suitable venues where we can hold our concerts in the city. After a number of years in which the cost of staging our concerts has remained constant, this year our costs have risen significantly for two main reasons that are out of our control. Firstly, the cost of hiring the venues has been increased substantially and secondly due to the implementation of a renewable buildings levy of \$1.75 for each ticket sold. We have kept the ticket rises to a minimum and I would encourage members to take advantage of the advance purchase option. Therefore, tickets at the Holiday Concert will be \$10 at the door or 5 for \$40 in advance and \$15 at the door or 4 for \$50 in advance for the Sounds of Spring concert in April.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President, Dr. George Orriss

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined the Winnipeg Youth Orchestras this year. I hope that your time in the program is both stimulating and enjoyable. As our 90th anniversary year comes to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made it such a memorable year. We still have one major event remaining, namely our Holiday Concert on Saturday December 7th at The Pantages Playhouse Theatre so be sure to mark that date in your calendars.

Our 2013/14 season is off to a great start, with the Youth Strings group once again having a fantastic weekend at Camp Assiniboia at the end of September. We would therefore like to acknowledge all the parent volunteers and the conductor Karin Klassen who freely gave their time to make it another memorable weekend. Then it was the turn of the Youth Symphony group who participated in a Masterclass session with James Ehnes during his whistlestop visit to Winnipeg at the beginning of October. Finally, on October 30th some of the Youth Symphony Orchestra and Youth Concert Orchestra students performed at the MTS Centre in front of an audience of 16,000 as part of the WeDay Manitoba event. We have further events lined up throughout the season for all three orchestra groups, so watch this space and the website for more details.

It was heartening to see a good number of parents at our Annual General Meeting which was held at Gordon Bell High School on September 28th. A lively discussion followed and we were able to recruit four new members to the WYO Board. I would therefore like to welcome Kyle Hendin (Treasurer), Kyle Katch (Concerts), Kerri Harms (Concerts) and Clay Purves (Fundraising) to the WYO Board. I know that the board will work hard over the coming year to give our members the best possible experience during their time in the program but if anyone has any ideas as to how we could improve things we'd love to hear from you.

So all that remains for me to do is to wish everyone a successful year and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can over the course of the season.

George Orriss



YOUTH STRINGS REPORT



Conductor, Karin Klassen

*Y*outh Strings is off to a great start. We have 55 students in our orchestra this year. The group is made up of 36 girls & 19 boys. Thirty-four of the students are returning players and twenty-one players are new to the orchestra. The orchestra is comprised of 49 violinists, five cellists and one full-time bass player. On occasion we are thrilled to have two bass players, as one of our violinists also doubles on the bass!

This term's repertoire ranges from manageable to quite difficult. It covers a variety of time periods and presents unique stylistic challenges for the players. The students are keen, enthusiastic and committed to learning the given repertoire. It is a real pleasure to see and hear how far the group has progressed in just such a short period of time together as a string orchestra!

*An important date to include
on your family calendar!*

SATURDAY DEC. 7 at 10:30 am

Lions Manor Concert on 320 Sherbrook St.

Students need to arrive at Lions Manor on 320 Sherbrook Street (Circular drive-through) no later than 9:45 a.m.

Students should remember to bring music stands.

Family and friends are welcome to come and hear the concert. Parents **please pick up your children no later than 11:30 a.m.** from the Lions Manor circular drive-through and drive them immediately to Pantages Playhouse Theatre.

CONCERT DRESS for both performances on Dec. 7: **white shirts and black bottoms with dress shoes red cummerbunds and bow ties** will be worn and distributed at the venues

Highlights of this term thus far:

OUR WEEKEND RETREAT AT CAMP

ASSINIBOIA on September 21st & 22nd again proved to be a most successful camp experience. The camp has great facilities, accommodating our need for intensive sectional and full group rehearsals as well as providing fun recreational activities for the students. The weather was pleasant for our entire stay! High rope climbing, team-building & orienteering activities were a highlight! We had an evening bonfire and movie night to complete the first day. It is good to have an extended time where we can learn to know each other better as well as learn the notes! Already at the evening group rehearsal it was evident that the four clinicians had really covered an enormous amount of material in the sectionals, resulting in a better orchestral sound and improved technique. Special thanks must therefore be extended to clinicians Louise Faurschou, Laurel Howard and Marion Williams who helped out with the violins and Jonathan Bauch who spent the day with the cello section! Over the two days I really appreciated the parent volunteers who helped out in so many ways at camp: Stefan and Kerri Harms, Don Allan, Henryk Berezowski, Allan & Kim Palmer, Barb Sousa, Rosalinda Amato, Rhea Yates, Rosa Luna Rommel and Anna Schwartz. We were happy that some parents also joined us for our Sunday wagon rides.

PICTURE DAY was on October 19, with pictures ready in time for Christmas gifts! We would like to thank Mrs. Ingrid Forzley from Artistic Impressions Photography for her excellent service and wonderful work with our group!

A WONDERFUL HALLOWEEN MORNING

was enjoyed by all on October 26. The morning was complete with costumes, fun, food, prizes, and a little practicing!

CONTINUED HARD WORK by clinicians & students alike was evidenced at our second sectional of the term on November 9. Kristjanna Oleson joined us as a clinician.

DELICIOUS TREATS are available weekly for everyone at our Snack Shop, run by a wonderful team of parent volunteers. Thanks are extended to our two parent liaison coordinators, Norinne Dueck and Bonnie Yee, for all their organizational help and support this year!

AN EXCITING WSO STRING QUARTET performance /workshop is being planned for the morning of November 23 with the Clearwater String Quartet. The group includes four of Canada's leading string players - Gwen Hoebig, Karl Stobbe, Daniel Scholz and Yuri Hooker.

SATURDAY DEC. 7 Afternoon Rehearsal & Performance: Winnipeg Youth Orchestra Holiday Concert will be held in Pantages Playhouse Theatre - 180 Market Street E. **Youth Strings dress rehearsal is from 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Enter via the Stage Door entrance. Music stands will be provided at Pantages Theatre.** Lunch will be provided by McDonald's and eaten in the Korel Studio downstairs in Pantages Theatre at 1:00 p.m.
Concert begins at 2:30 p.m. Youth Strings perform first. Everyone is encouraged to stay and listen to the entire concert.

*Have a great Christmas vacation!
Don't forget to come back on January 11th
for the first orchestra rehearsal in
the New Year at Gordon Bell!* **Karin Klassen**
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YOUTH CONCERT ORCHESTRA REPORT

Conductor, Andrea Bell

Sectionals were held on Saturday, October 26. Clinicians were Chris Anstey, Layla Roberts, Paul Jeffrey, Tony Cyre and Simon MacDonald.

Halloween & pizza party were held on Nov.2, with orchestra members wearing costumes. A good time was had by all! The pizza party was held from 11 a.m. to 11:30.

There was no rehearsal on November 9 due to the Remembrance Day long weekend.

Holiday Concert Saturday, December 7th

- Be at Pantages Playhouse at 10:30am.
- Rehearsal on stage from 11 a.m to 12 noon.
- Concert starts at 2:30am.

Concert Dress: ALL BLACK.

Girls: black tops, longer sleeves (down to elbows), black bottoms (pants or skirts that cover knees when sitting), black nylons or tights, black shoes. Students can wear jewelry, sequins, etc, if desired

Boys: black tops (preferably black dress shirt, tucked in), black pants, black socks, black shoes. Students can also wear dark tie (black or darker colour is fine) and black jacket if desired. Be sure to bring lunch, a book, etc, for the time in between the rehearsal and concert.

There will be no rehearsal on Dec. 14 due to WYO Scholarship competition.

The first rehearsal of the New Year is Saturday, January 11th, 9:00-11:15am, Kelvin High School.

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YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA REPORT

Conductor, Dan Scholz

We have had a great beginning to our season. The orchestra is sounding very good and we have been coached by Winnipeg's finest musicians. Our thanks to Karl Stobbe, Jane Radomski, Simon MacDonald, Leana Rutt, Micah Heilbrunn, Isaac Pulford, Brendan Thomsen, and Jeremy Epp for all your hard work and professional expertise.

We were also very fortunate to have a masterclass with the violin virtuoso, James Ehnes. James gave a class for students from the YSO and YCO. Everybody played extremely well and received some great advice and insights into their own playing. It was also fantastic to be so close as he played and demonstrated.

A string orchestra played for over 16,000 students at the Manitoba We Day event on October 30th. This was a memorable performance featuring 24 of our musicians. Please check the website in the next couple of weeks for photos and a video of the show.

We are looking forward to the

Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 7th

Dress Rehearsal from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on stage.

Please encourage your kids to practice their orchestra music as well as their lesson repertoire at home.

Concert Dress: ALL BLACK.

Please make sure your clothes are appropriate for the stage! No runners or jeans. Jackets and ties are optional.

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Our Mission

The Winnipeg Youth Orchestras Inc. is dedicated to promoting and maintaining the youth orchestra movement in Manitoba, and providing young orchestra players with the opportunity to come together in an atmosphere of friendship and good fellowship to experience and participate in orchestra playing of the highest order.



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